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This is to give notice that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, letters testamentary on the estate of WILLIAM EDWARD BAKER, late of Carroll county, deceased. All persons having claims against the deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof legally authenticated to the subscriber, on or before the 29th day of July, 1918, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 26th day of December, 1917.

JOHN W. BAKER,
12-26-5t. Executor.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Notice is hereby given to the Stockholders of the Westminster Hardware Company that an election for Directors to manage the affairs of the Company for the ensuing year will be held at the office of the Company, in Westminster, Md., MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 1918, between the hours of 10 and 11 o'clock, a. m., and for the transaction of any other business that may be presented.

JOSEPH N. SHRIVER,
President.
Robert K. Myers, Sec. and Treas.
dec. 28-2t.

ELECTION NOTICE

First National Bank of Mt. Airy.
Mt. Airy, Md., December 6, 1917.

The Stockholders of this Bank are hereby notified that the regular annual meeting for the election of Fourteen Directors to manage the affairs of the Bank for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House,

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1918,

between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M., and 12 o'clock M.

J. L. BURDETTE,
12 7 5t. Cashier.

ELECTION NOTICE

The First National Bank of Westminster.
Westminster, Md., December 7, 1917.

The stockholders of this bank are hereby notified that the regular annual election of Nine Directors to manage the affairs of the Bank for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, on Tuesday, the 8th day of January, 1918, between the hours of 10 and 11 o'clock, A. M.

GEORGE R. GEHR,
12-8-5t. Cashier.

ELECTION NOTICE

First National Bank of New Windsor Maryland.
New Windsor, Md., December 4, 1917

The annual election for ten directors of the above named Bank will be held at Banking Rooms on

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1918,

from 1 to 3 o'clock P. M.

NATHAN H. BAILE,
12 7 5t. Cashier.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Carroll County Savings Bank of Uniontown, Md.
December 18, 1917

An election of Ten Directors for this Bank will be held on

WEDNESDAY, THE 9TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1918

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Westminster, Md

The first annual report of the Shipping Board has just made its appearance, giving in detail the activities of that body. The general impression of the country is that the chief activity of the Shipping Board is resigning.

Hunting for Romance

By C. B. Lucas

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Miss Eileen Danvers had been a stenographer with White & Company for four years, and had come to acknowledge to herself that she was a bit past twenty.

She had taken up stenography in the first place because she had to support herself, and the next because a girl had given her a list of eighteen millionaires who had married their stenographers and loaded them down with love and diamonds. The eighteen did not comprise the full list, but were all that the girl could think of at a moment's notice.

Miss Eileen took the place at White & Company's without making any inquiries of a social nature. She reasoned without any reason for reasoning that Mr. White was waiting to admire, love and marry her. In fact, she made out in her day dream that he had been jilted several years before, and that he would tell her all about it when they came to talk in confidence. She had the honeymoon trip all planned.

Mr. White proved to be a fat man, whose eyes could not see how his feet were getting on. He had been married twenty-one years, and had often been made to wish that he had never married at all. So had his wife. He was blunt and brusque.

Mr. White entered the office after the new stenographer had waited an

"Then Why Don't You Go?"

hour, and in a voice that could be heard miles and miles away he said:

"Not a cent for the Salvation Army!"

"No, sir."

"Nothing for the hospitals."

"No, sir."

"And don't show me any sample subscription book!"

"No, sir."

"Then why don't you go?"

"Because, sir, you hired me as your stenographer yesterday."

"Then you ought to have said so long ago. Get to work."

Was there any romance there? Was there any chance for any?

And the "Company" was a man 70 years old, who never came near the office, but often sent down a note to his partner, reading:

"I am glad that business is good, but don't let that lazy stenographer loaf on you!"

The bookkeeper? He was 55 years old and shaky in the knees, and expected to be fired at any moment.

His assistant? He was callow and crosseyed and his mother had forbidden him to have a dream-book or a romance.

The shipping clerk? He was engaged to three girls already, and his salary of eight dollars per week was undergoing a terrible strain.

But did Miss Eileen despair? You don't know her if you think she did. She'd look for her bread and butter inside and her romance outside.

And there was Guy Taylor, a young man of twenty-three. He had been romantic from his babyhood up, and six years as floor-walker in a department store hadn't worked a cure. He had a moderate salary, and he had to live in a moderate way, but the idea was ever present that some rich woman, young or old, was going to offer him her hand and heart—and her bonds. It might be on his personality, and it might be for saving her life. He rather hoped that it would be for the latter, for he was a true knight at heart. At his boarding house he had let it be known that his true name was Brian D'Artagan, but out of deference to the owner of the store he had temporarily dropped it for that of Taylor.

Rich ladies came to the store—rich young ladies and rich old ones—and the floor-walker pulled down his vest and met them with the smile that wouldn't come off. But just as sure as one of them fell and rolled down the basement stairs he was at the rear end of the store blowing up a saleswoman for some cause or other, and the rescue was made by someone else.

One evening Miss Eileen Danvers had a presentiment as she rode from White & Company's to her boarding house. It wasn't that the landlady was going to pick the cotton batting out of the gas burners and enable her guests to get around their rooms without a guide to New York. But it was that her romance was due.

When Mr. Guy Taylor left the store he had that very same feeling, and he whistled and hummed.

When Miss Eileen had finished her prunes and tea and retired to her room she decided to help romance along a bit. She therefore, by the light of the gas jet, penciled the following note:

"A young and innocent girl has been kidnapped and is being held a prisoner in a room on the [illegible] 432. Whoever finds this hand it [illegible] nearest policeman. I am in a terrible situation!"

This note was dropped out of the window and went fluttering down until it reposed on the flagstone, and was picked up only after a full hundred pedestrians had walked over it.

And was the name of the man that picked it up Guy Taylor, who was out for an evening stroll and ready to meet his romance half way?

It was! He picked it up from force of habit, and he started to read it without a jot of curiosity. When he had finished his hair was curling.

Here was romance at last!

Hand it to the nearest policeman! Not if his true name was D'Artagan! He would make the rescue alone and unaided, or he would perish trying.

He looked up, and the number 432 stared him in the face. Up the steps at three hops. The door was not locked. Up the stairs, and half way up he met the landlady. This person was fat and solid, and weighed 200 pounds. She was not near-sighted. She saw at a glance that the floor-walker was a stranger, and as he tried to elbow her aside she took him by the neck. In their struggles both rolled down into the hall, and both shouted for the police.

The police came. They drew the fighters apart, and as soon as Mr. Taylor could get his breath he told his story and exhibited the note. The police went bounding upstairs, and he went bounding after them.

Every room on the upper floor was searched. No kidnapped maid. They came across Miss Eileen, of course, but she could tell them nothing about a prisoner in the house. When the entire premises had been gone over the detective in charge of the search called all the female boarders together. There were seven of them.

"One of you wrote this note," he said. "It was done as a joke, but I must know who did it or I'll lock up the whole batch of you!"

Miss Eileen was given away as the guilty party. Indeed, her face told the story.

"I just did it out of romance," she sobbed.

"Romance!" exclaimed the detective. "Who ever heard of romance in a second-class boarding-house? You'll not find much romance at Blackwell's, I'm thinking."

And then he turned to Mr. Taylor with: "Fall in Chevalier. You for the coop, too!"

"But—but I picked up the note," he stammered.

"It's against the law!"

"And I felt it a duty to rescue the writer."

"Well, the Judge will feel something or other to be his duty. After this you'd better let the police do the rescuing act."

At the police station the prisoners had to identify themselves, and as neither could get bail at that hour of the night they were locked up until morning on the charge of disorderly conduct.

"Romance, eh," said his honor the next morning, after the officer and the landlady had testified. "I didn't think there had been any of that in New York for the last hundred years. Taylor, how do you think this romance ought to end?"

"As most of them do, your honor, I stand ready to ask for Miss Danvers' heart and hand," was the reply.

"But you can't say that you love her."

"I can two weeks later, if you'll give me a fair chance."

"Dear me, but I never suspected that floor-walkers had their romances. If it is true, I must be lenient with my first case. Miss Danvers, can a girl be a stenographer and romantic too?"

"I am a living example of it," she smiled.

"I didn't think that romance would mix with the hen-tracks of stenography, but if it does, all right. How should a romance of this sort turn out happily?"

"You—you might leave that to Mr. Taylor and myself!"

"I think I will. You are both discharged."

His honor was invited to the wedding that took place three weeks later, and although he couldn't attend, he sent flowers and his best wishes.

Sounded Rather Personal.

Mrs. Diggs—John, what is an absolute vacuum?

Diggs—An absolute vacuum, my dear, is something that exists only in your mind.

NAVY NOTES

Maryland, having "made good" in its recent quotas of firemen and mess-attendants for the Navy, is now engaged in a campaign for 106 apprentice seamen by February 22nd.

The Christmas holidays caused a decided decrease in enlistments, but the recruiting authorities for the Maryland District are determinel to make up the deficiency after the New Year's holidays.

A rumor that men of the draft age cannot enlist in the Navy after December 15th has also contributed to the decrease in enlistments. Men of the draft age still have a chance to enlist in the Navy, if they can furnish the Recruiting Officer with a certificate from their local board, to the effect that their class and order number is so low that they are not within the current quota of the local board. Blanks for this certification can be obtained from the Recruiting Authorities.

Full particulars of Navy enlistments can be obtained from the nearest postmaster; directly from the Navy Recruiting Station, Calvert and Lexington Streets, Baltimore, or from the Navy Recruiting Substations at Cumberland and Hagerstown.

LETTING IN THE LIGHT

Congressmen who went home from Washington for the Christmas recess found the folks all talking the revelations which Gen. Crozier had made before the military affairs committee, about [illegible] which Spreckels has [illegible] Hoover's sugar commission [illegible] the general desirability to know more about all these things—and others. Like the tiger which has tasted blood, the country's appetite for the whole truth has been whetted; and the policy of "pitiless publicity" is to be taken out of the moth balls where the administration had consigned it. To the official statements which Gen. Crozier has made and which Surgeon General Gorgas has presented in his report to the General Staff, will be added other testimony, unofficial, but none the less accurate and convincing. Testimony of this kind has already come from Congressman McCormick, who has made an extensive visit to all the fighting fronts in Europe and who has appeared before the Senate committee on military affairs to refute some of Gen. Crozier's few optimistic assertions; and from Congressman Miller, who, in a newspaper interview, has pointed out the shortcomings of our transport system overseas. Now that the veiw of secrecy has been rent, the whole fabric is likly to be thrown aside and the taxpayers will be shown what has been done with the billions for which the directing minds of the administration evidently think can be won by red tape.

BAYONETS—NOT BULLETINS

The Bolsheviki, dealing with the untutored peasants of Russia, were able to translate fine phrases into successful revolution. Dealing with the keener minds of German plenipotentiaries, the Bolsheviki have found that stump speeches have no valid use at a peace conference and that glittering terms in which they have been accustomed to depict their ideals of human brotherhood have no effect upon the representatives of a kultur wherein the divine right of kings is a cardinal element. If the Bolsheviki have quit the peace conference with the Germans in a frame of mind which enables them to understand that the Teuton is best confronted with a bayonet instead of a bulletin of principles, the bitter experiences of Russia in the last few months may not have been without value.

PROFIT BY EXPERIENCE

In his latest weekly review of military operations, the Secretary of war says: "The magnitude of the task before us can be mon fully realized when measured by the success which the enmy is still able to gain. It means that we must speed up our military effort."

That was a true statement, and it was issued December 10, 1917. But what a fine thing it would have been to have read such a statement from some one in authority in 1914, instead of the declaration made by President Wilson on December 8 of that year, when he denounced advocates of preparedness as "nervous and excited" and declared that we had not neglected preparedness.

Democrats tell us there is "no use crying over spilt milk." True, but we can be guided somewhat by experience in choosing people to carry the pails in th future.

NEW MEN AND NEW ENERGY

War was declared by the United States in April, 1917. In December, 1917, after the Senate Committee on Military Affairs had disclosed to the public the dilatory methods of the War Department, the Secretary of War announced the creation of a "War Council", consisting of himself as chairman and five general officers of the army.

All this will be puzzling to the mind of the layman who thinks along common sense lines. If a war council was necessary, why did the Secretary of War delay its creation from April to December. If such a council is needed, what is gained by forming it of men who are now and have been all these months within the Department and at the call of the Secretary at any time. By grouping these men under the head of "War Council", does Secretary Baker expect to inspire them with new wisdom or infuse into their blood more iron? If he and they have been unequal to the task in the past, what good will it do to group them to do so in the future merely they have not been able to coordinate their work in the past, why expect them to do so i the future merely because they are given a new title?

These thoughts cannot but occur to the layman who is accustomed to judge affairs by the lessons of ordinary practical experience.

What the War Department has needed from the beginning was not new titles but new men. It has needed new energy and sounder judgment. Instead of calling to the front men like Theodore Roosevelt, Leonard Wood, Augustus P. Gardner and other who have shown almost prophetic vision and manvelous energy those men have been relegated to th rear and th "War Council" is made up of men who have had their opportunity and, by inplied admission of the Secretary, have not measured up to the demands of the occasion.

If Mr. Baker has not been able to utilize these men to advantage in the past, there is no reason to believe he can do so in the future. He should have called Leonard Wood out of exile and placed him in a place where expeditious work is to be done.

It is getting to be a sign of wealth to go into a butcher shop and inquire the price of meat.

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